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SUBJECT: TUTSI REFUGEES IN ZAIRE.

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1. ACCORDING TO REGIONAL AUTHORITIES AND UNHCR REPRESENTATIVE TUTSI REFUGEES IN KIVU REMAIN SMALL IN NUMBER. LATEST ESTIMATES ARE THAT ABOUT 200 HEADS OF FAMILY AND 50 TO 60 PRIESTS AND RELIGIOUS ARE IN GOMA. TOTAL NUMBER IN GOMA IS ABOUT 500. REGISTRATION DIFFICULT BECAUSE TUTSI, REFUSE TO GO MILITARY

CAMP DESIGNATED BY GOZ FOR REGISTERING. APPARENTLY REGIONAL COMMISSIONER THREATENED THEM WITH INTERMENT AT SAME CAMP

SEVERAL WEEKS AGO AND REFUGEES REMAIN SUSPICIOUS. BUKAVU
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REFUGEES NOT NUMEROUS, ABOUT 25 TO 50, AND THEY ARE ABLE TO MAKE WAY TO BUJUMBURA.

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2. UNHCR DEPUTY FROM KINSHASA, CARPENTER (AMCIT), LEFT BUKAVU FOR GOMA MARCH 15. PLANS, NOT YET APPROVED BY UNHCR GENEVA, ARE TO REGISTER REFUGEES AND SEND THOSE WITHOUT MEANS FOR TRANSPORT FROM GOMA TO BUJUMBURA VIA BUKAVU BY BOAT AND TRUCK. RELIABLE REPORTS HERE ARE THAT GOB WELCOMING REFUGEES ON ARRIVAL.

3. IF, IN FACT, GOB WILLING TO TAKE REFUGEES, THIS SOLUTION MUCH PREFERABLE TO LEAVING THEM WHERE THEY ARE. OVERWHELMING MAJORITY ARE EDUCATED TUTSI, BUT JOBS AND SCHOOLING PROSPECTS IN KIVU POOR. SCHOOLS ARE OVERCROWED AND HAVE NOT YET ASSIMILATED ALL OF HUTU REFUGEES FROM LAST YEARS BURUNDI EVENTS. EVENTS OF LAST YEAR IN BURUNDI SHOULD HAVE PROVIDED, IF NOTHING ELSE, OPENINGS FOR EMPLOYMENT AND EDUCATION WHICH DID NOT EXIST BEFORE. EMBASSY BUJUMBURA MAY WISH TO COMMENT ON THIS POSSIBLE COURSE OF ACTION AS WE UNDER-STAND UNHCR GENEVA EXPECTED TO REACH DECISION SOON.

4. WHILE AWAITING DECISION CARPENTER PLANS TO CONCENTRATE EFFORTS ON REGISTRATION AND INTERIM ASSISTANCE. MEANWHILE CRS WHICH HAS RECEIVED APPROVAL FOR EMERGENCY EXPENDITURES OF UP TO TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS INTEND TO LEAVE ENTIRE PROJECT TO UNHCRR. REVISION OF CRS PLANS MEANS IT WILL NOT USE ALL OF MONEY AUTHORIZED BUT WILL LIMIT ITSELF TO ASSISTING GOMA DIOCESS WHICH HAS BEEN EXPENDING ITS OWN FUNDS FOR REFUGEES.

5. REPMBTS OF SHOOTINGS AND KILLINGS ON RWANDA SIDE OF BORDER HAVE DIMINISHED IN LAST FEW DAYS. MCNAMARA

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